

From: Hether Krause - ENVX
To: [Valerie Beckett - PLANDEVX](#)
Subject: RE: Hickman's Tonopah Egg Facility
Date: Thursday, January 29, 2015 12:41:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
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[image004.png](#)
[image005.jpg](#)

Thank you!

He has been provided my contact info twice by Richard but no contact yet.

I wanted to keep you aware.

Hether Krause, R.S., CPM

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From: Valerie Beckett - PLANDEVX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 1:39 PM
To: Hether Krause - ENVX
Subject: RE: Hickman's Tonopah Egg Facility

Let me know how I may best support.

I don't know what is available in the way of air testing. I presume the tests show the odor is a nuisance, but not a health hazard in terms of air quality pollutants.

Has Mr. Blackson contacted you? I will gladly work on a response with you if you like. We would want to run it pass the Director and Joy.

Val

From: Hether Krause - ENVX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 1:25 PM
To: Valerie Beckett - PLANDEVX
Subject: FW: Hickman's Tonopah Egg Facility

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From: Daniel Blackson (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:05 AM
To: Richard Sumner - AQDX
Cc: Hether Krause - ENVX; Daniel Blackson
Subject: Re: Hickman's Tonopah Egg Facility

Mr. Sumner,

It looks like you are passing me along to another administrator. I want to leave you with some final information and a personal plea.

As a community we are disheartened that there was not the opportunity to comment on the Non-Title V Air Quality Operating Permit for the Hickman Family Farms – Tonopah facility. It is clear that my email request was not for a dust permit, I was requesting a public hearing for a Non-Title V or Title V permit. It was not only clear in my email, but as commitment from you from a follow-up conversation. It is yet another example of agencies allowing this facility to be constructed or starting operations without proper permits in place.

Maricopa County Air Quality Department's mission statement reads: The mission of the Air Quality Department is to provide clean air to Maricopa County residents and visitors so they can live, work and play in a healthy environment.

And here are your values:

We believe in working closely with our customers and citizens to provide clean air through innovation, collaboration and technology.

We believe in serving our external and internal customers through timely, open and honest communication.

We believe in a diverse workforce that is respected for its positive attitude, integrity and dedication to air quality.

We believe in being accountable as stewards of the public's resources and the environment.

We all share responsibility for the air we breathe.

I'm not sure where the Tonopah community fits into the mission or the values. Take the time to review records and put together the sequence of events for the Hickman Egg Ranch – Tonopah. Consider the pollution that the hen houses will generate. Remember reading:

<http://www.epa.gov/airquality/agmonitoring/pdfs/afobroilereemreport2012draft.pdf> ? How can the Tonopah community possibly live in a healthy environment? Did the values shine through for the Tonopah community?

Perhaps environmental protection and protection of human health are myths. It's really political fear and business needs that drive agency decisions; neither which are in the mission statement. The Tonopah community can only hope that a champion will rise from some agency with the will to carry out the true mission to protect the environment and health & safety of the community. That this champion would enforce the laws & regulations and demand that permits be in place prior to operation, and stop this permittee's blatant dependency of agency forgiveness to maximize their profits. Why isn't there a

violation issued from the day the hens arrived, September 16, 2014, (you have pictures) to the day that the permit was issued? I'm certain that the agency is aware of Rule 200 Section 301.

You are aware of the complaints about the Hickman Egg Ranch – Arlington. The same complaints have started at the Hickman Egg Ranch – Tonopah and they have barely begun their operation. Only three of the seven hen houses are full for phase one. Eventually at build-out there will be as many as 12 million chickens with no pollution control features. Giant fans blow across the chicken cages, across piles of manure to dry it, and out the end of the building. The flies, feathers, stench, and pollution will be unbearable. Maybe there aren't any pathogens in the dust that is spewed out.

You probably haven't had the opportunity to see some of the ADEQ complaints, so I've attached a three – there are many more. You have plenty of County complaints that you can view. My heart goes out to these people. Their quality of life has been destroyed. Who knows how their health will be ultimately impacted. Their plea is heart wrenching, yet nothing is done to resolve their complaints. The same complaints year after year.

We live about a mile due south of the facility. On Thursday morning, January 22nd, my wife smelled the stench from the Hickman Egg Ranch – Tonopah at our home. She knows what this smell is because she spent years driving by the Hickman Egg Ranch – Arlington facility on her way to teach at Arlington School. We feared that the odor would eventually reach our property and it has.

We own 45 acres in Tonopah with a custom home (attachment). I encourage you to google it at 42211 W. Salome Highway. It is our dream retirement home and we are backed up against BLM land (attachment). Such a location with its view is unique and rare in Arizona. Sadly, we are prepared to give it up. Our home is built to enjoy Arizona's climate and beauty. We can't imagine a life style where we are forced to live inside our home and not be able to enjoy our patios & ramada or not be able to take walks because of the foul (or is it fowl?) odor.

All of this and we, the Tonopah community, are still hopeful that someone will care about us as real people and take action. That someone will help us protect our environment and health.

I will contact Ms. Hether Krause.

Dan

From: Richard Sumner - AQDX <SumnerR@mail.maricopa.gov>
To: Daniel Blackson (b) (6)
Cc: Hether Krause - ENVX <H.Krause@mail.maricopa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 8:45 AM
Subject: RE: Hickman's Tonopah Egg Facility

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Mr. Blackson,

You are correct regarding the March 26 email noted below and I have attached my March 28, 2014 response describing why we could not conduct a public hearing. Please let me know if you are interested in submitting comments on the recently issued non-title V permit. In addition, you may also contact our Ombudsman, Hether Krause, at 602.506.6707 or via email hkrause@mail.maricopa.gov.

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Permitting Division Manager

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From: Daniel Blackson (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 7:27 AM
To: Richard Sumner - AQDX
Cc: Howard Shanker; (b) (6) Dan Blackson
Subject: Fwd: Hickman's Tonopah Egg Facility

Mr. Sumner,

Is this the email that you did not interpret as "a request to comment on the permit"?

Dan

Begin forwarded message:

From: Daniel Blackson <(b) (6)>
Subject: Hickman's Tonopah Egg Facility
Date: March 26, 2014 at 5:32:25 PM MST
Cc: WyattSterusky@mail.maricopa.gov, Howard Shanker
<howard@shankerlaw.net>, Dan Blackson (b) (6)
To: tmartin@mail.maricopa.gov, TreeceS@mail.maricopa.gov

Hickman's have started construction on an egg facility in Tonopah, AZ. I am requesting a public hearing prior to issuing the air quality permit. There will eventually be 8 million chickens at the facility so I don't know if it will be a Title V permit or a Non-Title V permit. The possible addresses for the facility are 41625 W. Indian School Road (Parcel # 506-34-045A) or 41701 W. Indian School Road (Parcel # 506-34-045B).

Thanks,
Dan Blackson

Mr. Blackson,

We have received your email below requesting a public hearing regarding the

Hickman's Tonopah Egg Facility. The facility has applied for and received a dust control permit. However, there are no public notice or hearing provisions regarding a dust permit. At this time the facility has not applied for any other air permit for which a public notice or hearing is required. Therefore, we have no regulatory basis for which to hold a hearing and we must deny your request.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Daniel Blackson [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 5:32 PM
To: Todd Martin - AQDX; Scott Treece - AQDX
Cc: Wyatt Sterusky - AQDX; Howard Shanker; Dan Blackson
Subject: Hickman's Tonopah Egg Facility

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